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Board of County Commissioners
Via fax

Ravalli County Commissioners

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Re: Lost Horse Quarry

I wish to address two subjects: Road Supervisor Ohnstad and County funds.

Through out the past months, members of the public have tried and tried to carry on civil conversations with Supervisor Ohnstad, without success. His most recent letter to your board is consistent with the tone of every interaction the group has had with him. We do not understand why your Board tolerates this attitude from an employee. We have been unable to work with him and are very disappointed in the attacks that have no basis.

As far as the actual work to be performed, the only numbers used by our group in quantity of rock calculations were numbers originally provided by Mr. Ohnstad's paperwork. As example in the recommendations Mr. Ohnstad provided was an amount of rock he projected to crush each hour with the county's crusher. The manual for the crushing equipment shows an average crush of *half* of what Mr. Ohnstad's numbers projected. With this as an easy example of the possible misinformation provided to you, how can you make an informed decision? Every step of this process has glaringly shown that to use the County's crusher costs more than the product it provides. It doesn't matter where the crushing is done, it does not pencil out for the County to run the crusher. Would it be in the County's better budget interest to consider selling this equipment?

I have and I do not believe any member of our group has every had a bad comment or characterization for employees of the Road Department. They have done, and continue to do a fine job and have been in no way associated with the treatment we have received from Mr. Ohnstad.

I look forward to speaking with you on Friday, January 11, 2008. Thank you.

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